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SUBJECT: BRUNEI LIKELY TO SUPPORT CUBA EMBARGO RESOLUTION

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11. (SBU) DCM delivered reftel demarche to Florence Chong, Assistant Director for International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MoFAT) on October 25. Chong responded that Brunei was opposed to sanctions in principle and had supported the Cuba resolution last year. DCM pressed, drawing on reftel points, that U.S. sanctions on Cuba were a bilateral issue and waivers were in place to ensure general population access to U.S. food and medicine. Chong said that she would ensure that our points were considered by senior MoFAT leadership but was not sanguine that Brunei would change its position from previous years.
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